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**Process for the Continuous Recovery of Free
Tartaric Acid from Raw Materials Containing
Potassium Hydrogentartrate**

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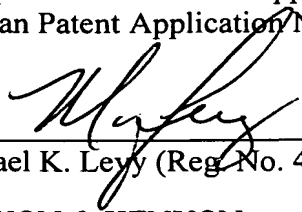
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5. The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending applications owned by the assignee of the present application: German Application No. 103 08 045.7 filed February 26, 2003 and European Patent Application No. 04000686.8 filed on January 15, 2004.

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